

by a party against the United States, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees or agents, or any other person.

George W. Bush

The White House,
July 8, 2004.

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Memorandum on Delegation of Responsibility Under Section 1523 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, as Amended

July 8, 2004

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Delegation of Responsibility under Section 1523 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, As Amended

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States of America, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code, I hereby delegate to you the functions conferred upon the President by section 1523 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105–261), as amended (the “Act”).

Any reference in this memorandum to the provision of any Act shall be deemed to include references to any hereafter-enacted provision of law that is the same or substantially the same as such provision.

You are authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

Remarks in a Discussion at Kutztown University of Pennsylvania in Kutztown, Pennsylvania

July 9, 2004

The President. Thanks for coming. I’ll be there in a minute. Please be seated. Thanks

for coming. It’s an honor to be here in Kutztown, Pennsylvania. Thank you for coming out to say hello. I appreciate it.

If you see some of your neighbors who were lining the road, waving to us in the bus, tell them thanks too. It’s great hospitality here in this part of the world.

I’m here for a reason. I’m here to let you know that I want to serve the people of this country for 4 more years. I’m here to let you know—and I have a reason to ask for your help and your vote. I want this country to be safer and stronger and better for every one of our citizens.

I’m also the first to admit that I can’t win without your help. So I’m here to ask for your help. I would like for you all—not only am I asking for the vote, I’m asking for you to register your friends and neighbors to vote. And then when you ask—when you register them, you might get them to vote for old George W., while they’re at it.

I’m looking forward to the campaign. I’m looking forward to the campaign. I’ve got plenty of energy to run a race. I know who I want to lead this country, and I’m here to ask for your help.

One good reason to put me back in there for 4 more years is so that Laura will be the First Lady. [Applause] Thank you. I married well. What a fabulous woman she is. It’s been a fantastic experience to have her by my side for 3½ years serving this Nation. She is a—she’s come to know what I know, that we can make a difference in people’s lives, a positive difference in their lives. Laura has got the capacity to touch people in a way that inspires them. Every time she sees a teacher, she says, “Thanks for teaching.” And since she’s not here, I want to say thanks for teaching.

She loves books. When I married her, she was a public school librarian. [Applause] Yeah! How are all you librarians out there? She didn’t particularly care about politics or politicians. Now she’s married to one. [Laughter] She’s doing a great job. And by the way, this is a special day for me. One of our daughters, newly graduate of the University of Texas, is traveling with me. Jenna, thanks for coming. She’s already given me good advice. She said, “Dad, change your shirt.” [Laughter]